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REGION II

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SUBJECT: Ideal Cooperage Jersey City, NJ
Discussion with NJDEP on EPA proposed site activities

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TO: File

On June 5, 1990, Mr. Lance Miller of the NJDEP was notified by telephone by Mr. John Witcowski and myself, in regard to the status of the Ideal Cooperage site. Mr. Miller was not available, however, Mr. David Paddock, the site case manager, was able to discuss NJDEP involvement at the site.

The NJDEP has prepared an Administrative Consent Order that will require the responsible parties to investigate and remediate contamination at the Former Ideal Cooperage site. The order will address both parcels of land and hold present and former property owners responsible for implementation of the investigations. According to Mr. Paddock, the Administrative Consent Order will be finalized in four to six weeks.

Mr. Paddock was informed that EPA has drafted an Administrative Order along with an Action Memorandum to address the removal of drums containing hazardous substances and to determine the extent of contaminated soil and drums buried on the site.

The EPA documents will be submitted for review and approval during the week of June 11, 1990. Approval of the documents is anticipated within three to four weeks. Following approval, EPA or the PRP will begin the site clean up activities.

Mr. Paddock indicated that the NJDEP Administrative Consent Order will still be issued, and that all clean up efforts conducted at the site can be incorporated by the responsible parties into the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. Soil clean up levels at the site will be determined case by case, however, it is recommended that NJDEP clean up levels are used as guidelines.

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